

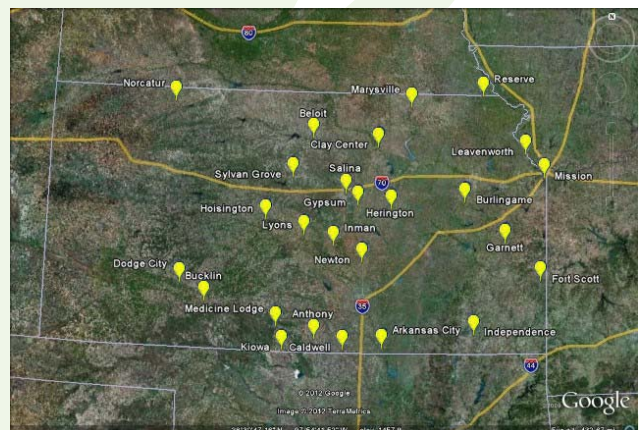
Kansas Brownfields Program Collaborates with the City of Chanute, Fort Scott/Bourbon County Riverfront Authority, and City of Ottawa to Write an EPA Brownfields Grant

The Kansas Brownfields Program collaborated with the City of Chanute, Fort Scott/Bourbon County Riverfront Authority, and City of Ottawa to submit a Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant application. KDHE is seeking \$600,000 in assessment funding from EPA. The funding would be spent to assess hazardous substance and petroleum sites in Chanute, Fort Scott, Ottawa, and other rural communities across Kansas. The KDHE formed this Coalition as an opportunity to obtain critical funding to assist rural-based communities with environmental assessments, remedial action planning, and community outreach activities with the goal of redeveloping underutilized properties. The Coalition has inventoried over 60 brownfields properties available for assessment, cleanup planning, and redevelopment within the target areas. The EPA grant process is part of an annual national competition, so KDHE is competing against communities across the entire United States. The application was turned in on November 19, 2012, and the award will be announced sometime during spring or summer 2013.

KDHE also supported four other Kansas grant applications: a Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant Application submitted by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, and the Mid America Regional Council; an Area-Wide Planning Grant submitted by the City of Wichita, a Revolving Loan submitted by Mo-Kan Regional Council, and a Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities Grant submitted by the Kansas State University.

Total Brownfields Targeted Assessments in 2012

Kansas communities continue to take advantage of the free assessments offered through the Kansas Brownfields Program as indicated on the adjacent map. In 2012, 47 Brownfields Targeted Assessments (BTAs) throughout Kansas cleared approximately 225 acres for reuse and redevelopment. Forty properties were cleared for redevelopment immediately following the Phase I and/or Phase II activities, while the remaining seven properties were transferred to an appropriate state response program for further assessment and/or cleanup actions.



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Yesterday's Daylight Donuts is Today's Subway in Hoisington

The City of Hoisington requested in March 2012 that the Kansas Brownfields Program help assess a property along Main Street being considered for purchase and redevelopment by Subway®. The former Daylight Donuts building was constructed in the early 1900's and used as a bakery until it was vacated in 2005. The City and Subway® were concerned about environmental uncertainties and the potential presence of asbestos and/or lead-based paint.



Environmental conditions at the former Daylight Donuts building included lead-based paint and asbestos containing materials.

The Phase I Brownfields Targeted Assessment (BTA) identified an upgradient former drycleaner and oil warehouse facility and an active Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) facility. Because these facilities may have impacted groundwater, a Phase II assessment in July 2012 collected and analyzed groundwater samples for volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The Phase II BTA did not identify any contaminants of concern in the groundwater beneath the property and the KDHE Brownfields Program cleared the property for redevelopment.

The Phase I BTA also identified asbestos containing material (ACM) and lead-based paint in the building. The City paid \$1,250 to abate the ACM and lead-based paint in compliance with state and federal regulations.



The Subway restaurant after redevelopment.

Subway® took ownership of the former Daylight Donuts building and began their renovations in October 2012. Subway® invested \$275,000 in the local economy during the redevelopment process, employing 10 local tradesmen on the project. Subway® opened its doors on December 13, 2012, offering a much needed restaurant and providing the community with one full time and 14 part-time jobs.

For every site there is an ideal use. For every use there is an ideal site.

John Ormsbee Simonds

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Kansas Brownfields Program Reaches Out to Cities and Counties

The Kansas Brownfields Program (KBP) was one of over 100 vendors to set up a booth at the 2012 League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference, held October 6 - 8, 2012, at the Expocentre in Topeka. Representatives from the KBP were available throughout the weekend to discuss potential brownfields redevelopment projects with local governmental entities participating in the conference. Overall, the conference was well attended with more than 100 people stopping by the booth.

The 36th Annual Kansas Association of Counties Conference and Exhibition was held on November 13-14, 2012, in Topeka. The turnout and interest through this conference was tremendous. The KBP was able to network with and reach out to a large number of local government leaders and decision makers.

National Brownfields Conference

Registration is now open for the National Brownfields 2013 Conference to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 15-17. To register and for more information please visit the conference website.

<http://www.brownfieldsconference.org/en/home>



If we take a survey of the greatest actions...in the world...we shall find the authors of them all to have been persons whose Brains had been shaken out of their natural position.

John Adams

I avoid grandiose plans. I start with a small piece that I can do. I go to the root of the problem and then work around it. It's building brick by brick.

Muhammad Yunus

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The Kansas Brownfields Program wishes you and your families all the best in 2013. As a reminder, we are here to help jumpstart any of your redevelopment projects for the next year.

Visit our website at <http://kdheks.gov/brownfields/> to fill out your Brownfields Targeted Assessment Application today.

Did You Know?

On average, each brownfield project completed by KDHE creates nine permanent jobs.